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SUBJECT: FRENCH REACTION TO US STATEMENT ON STRATEGIC TARGETING

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THE GENERAL REACTION OF FRENCH OFFICIALS TO THE US STATEMENT ON STRATEGIC TARGETING HAVE BEEN POSITIVE. SEVERAL EXPRESSED CONCERN, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEW POLICY COULD LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE US TO NEGOTIATE FORWARD BASE REDUCTION AT SALT OR REDUCTIONS OF US TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE. THESE FRENCH OFFICIALS SAID THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S PLAN COULD PERMIT THE US TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF TARGETS NOW COVERED BY EUROPEAN BASED US NUCLEAR FORCES FROM POSITIONS OUTSIDE OF EUROPE. THIS COMPLAINT IS PART OF THE LARGER FRENCH CONCERN THAT THE US MIGHT SACRIFICE EUROPEAN DEFENSE INTERESTS TO SECURE BILATERAL ACCOMMODATIONS WITH

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THE USSR. THE FRENCH MAY INTERPRET SECRETARY SCHESTINGER'S PLAN
THEREFORE AS A MEANS OF REDUCING US NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENT IN EUROPE
AND THE FIRST STEP IN THE DECOUPLING ITS NUCLEAR FORCES FROM
EUROPEAN DEFENSE. E-2 IMPDET.H

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